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with which the description of the subgenera are given, and in the large subgenera those of the series. This is a great improvement upon the scanty manner in which they have been treated in our previous text-books.

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Proceedings of the Club.

The regular monthly meeting of the Club was held at Columbia College June 8th, 1886. Dr. G. D. Holsten and W. A. McCorn were elected active members, and Ensign W. E. Safford, U. S. N., and E. C. Smith, of Augusta, Maine, corresponding members. Dr. Newberry exhibited a new, pear-shaped variety of orange, recently received in the New York markets from Southern California, and remarked on the progress of orange culture in that region. Mrs. Britton distributed specimens of *Aspidium spinulosum*, Willd., var. *dilatatum*, Eaton, and *A. cristatum*, Swartz, in several forms, some of them approaching var. *Clintonianum*, Eaton, from Boonton, New Jersey, and exhibited *Alyssum incanum*, L., from Dedham, Massachusetts, where, in July, 1882, it was abundant along the railroad and apparently naturalized; it is native of Central Europe. Mr. P. H. Dudley read some further notes on the formation of ducts in chestnut wood. Mr. Schrenk remarked on the phenomena of certain leaves of shedding water, especially those of *Impatiens*, which have a perfectly smooth epidermis, and attributed it to the abundance of cutine. Those of the Snowberry have a similar power. Dr. Newberry called attention to a similar action by the velvety leaves of *Abutilon Avicennæ*. Dr. Britton exhibited specimens of the Dusty Miller, *Senecio Cineraria*, DC., collected by Prof. E. H. Day on the sea beach of Monmouth County, New Jersey, and remarked that it had now been noticed at several places on the beaches in the vicinity of New York, and might well be regarded as adventive; also *Carex ptychocarpa*, Steud., from Lake Hopatcong. Ensign W. E. Safford, U. S. N., read the announced paper of the evening, entitled "A comparison of the Flora of Ross County, Ohio, with that of Southern New England."

The Club then adjourned until the second Tuesday in October.